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PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Upcoming Events and Opportunities September 2026

[Our website](#) offers free, curriculum-connected lessons and activities for K-12 classrooms. We also provide live learning opportunities such as virtual or in-person tours, webinars, guest speakers, contests, and professional learning. Check the website regularly for opportunities to engage. Alternatively, reach out directly to COE@gnb.ca to collaborate with a Centre Lead.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to Nathan Langille, Centre of Excellence Lead for Skilled Trades and Manufacturing, and Ginny Steeves, Lead for Language Learning, as they move into new school-based administrator roles with Anglophone West School District. We are grateful for the leadership, expertise, and dedication they brought to their work and to colleagues across the province. Congratulations, Nathan and Ginny, and all the best in this exciting next chapter!

In the meantime, if you are seeking support or services related to Language Learning, please contact COE Language Learning Intern Zoe Karatzios at zoe.karatzios@gnb.ca. For inquiries related to Skilled Trades and Manufacturing, please contact COE@gnb.ca.



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LANGUAGE LEARNING

CASLT and ACPI memberships available **Complete form by Friday, Sept 25.**

Have you ever wanted to be part of the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers and the *Association Canadienne des professionnels en immersion* ? COELL is once again offering free, yearly memberships to French language educators. You will have access to TONS of resources, professional learning, and workshops through these memberships.

For more information on the ACPI free membership, [click here](#)

For more information on the CASLT free membership, [click here](#)

Plan your FSL trip in New Brunswick! **Space based on availability.**

Are you looking for a different, more affordable day-long or multi-day trip for FSL learners? ABC Connect has curated and piloted trips in NB, immersing students in Acadian culture. Discover beautiful New Brunswick and Acadian traditions while getting an authentic FSL experience. [Click here](#) for more details and how to book.

Free Acadie Nouvelle newspaper subscription!

Is your classroom looking for more French resources and real news from the province? COELL has partnered with Acadie Nouvelle to provide select classrooms with a newspaper subscription for the whole year! We are offering a choice of printed or virtual newspapers. [Click here](#) for more information and registration!

Fall Sessions with Services Linguistiques!

Check out the fall sessions for Services Linguistiques! Services Linguistiques provide opportunities and services for pre-service and French second/additional language educators and school staff to enhance their French language and cultural understanding. Through a variety of different experiences: self-paced autonomous learning, courses, social and cultural events and resources, all services will be created to foster cultural and linguistic appreciation. For more information, [click here](#).



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SKILLED TRADES & MANUFACTURING

Covered Connections: A Historical Exploration **Grades 6–8 Learning Activity**

Explore the history and engineering of New Brunswick's covered bridges through research and hands-on design. Students will investigate a New Brunswick covered bridge, learn about its history and construction, and apply their learning by building a representative model using available materials. For more information and to access the learning activity, [click here](#).



CyberTitan 2026
Oct 1, 2026

Registration is now open for CyberTitan 2026. CyberTitan is a provincial and national challenge for students learning about cybersecurity and IT. To register, [click here](#). More info here on the Digital Learning Hub, [click here](#).

BREAK THE FAKE Live Event – Media Literacy Week 2026
Monday, October 26

Media Literacy Week 2026 spans the week of Oct. 26-30. This year we’re hosting live events for grades K-8 about recognizing what’s real and what’s fake online. For more information and to register for this event, [click here](#).

UPDATE: New Brunswick Digital Literacy Framework

The New Brunswick Digital Literacy Framework was recently revised to address the increasing presence of AI in student lives. To view the revised document as well as a grade-band continuum of digital literacy skills, [click here](#).



K-5 Mindful
Mindful Moments: Breathing and Movement at Your Desk
Wednesday, October 7th, K-2 9:30-10:00, 3-5, 11:00-11:30am

In this 30-minute session, learners and educators will explore the power of mindfulness and breathing through simple, engaging activities they can use anytime and anywhere. Learners will practice grounding, balloon belly breathing, volcano breathing, five-finger star breathing, and other calming techniques to help manage emotions, improve focus, and promote relaxation. For more information and to register for this event, [click here](#).

NBCC Student-Infused Senior Care-Navigation and Skills Development Program
Sept-June 2026/27

High school students can join a flexible 3-day experiential learning program to gain hands-on experience working with older adults in Senior Care Navigation Workshops and Adult Day Centres. Working alongside NBCC and UNB nursing learners. Students will build valuable skills in communication, critical thinking, active listening, technology support, and person-centered care. Students will also create meaningful intergenerational connections while supporting older adults and caregivers through engaging activities, classroom learning, and technology assistance. To see full schedule and to register please [click here](#).

International Day for the Older Person
October 1st- 2026, K-12

The COE Health, Department of Social Development, NBANH & Shannex are celebrating International Day for the Older Person with NB Long-Term Care (LTC) facility tours/visits, and an opportunity to learn about the various employment opportunities at LTC Homes. **International Day for the Older Person (Seniors Day)**, held each year on **October 1st**, is a time to recognize the wisdom, contributions, and value of seniors in our communities. To learn more about Intergenerational opportunities and register for a **FREE class visit to a LTC home in your community**, [click here](#).



Storytime Startup – New Learning Activity for Grades 3-5

In this Grades 3–5 learning activity, students explore how author Paul McAllister turned a problem into a creative solution by writing books. Students listen to a story, design their own unique book character, and bring it to life through an arts-based activity. To learn more, [click here](#).

Cisco Net Academy: CoE-Entrepreneurship Offerings 2026-27

Students aged 13+ and educators can access free, self-paced Cisco Net Academy courses focused on entrepreneurship, business, and career-ready skills. Explore topics such as discovering entrepreneurship, launching and managing a business venture, and engaging stakeholders. Build practical skills, earn digital badges, and start learning today! To learn more and enroll, [click here](#).

Funding and Programs for Youth Entrepreneurs

Help your students turn their entrepreneurial ideas into action by exploring funding opportunities and programs available to youth entrepreneurs in New Brunswick. This resource highlights supports that can help young people develop, launch, and grow a business. Share these opportunities with students who are ready to take their ideas to the next level! To learn more, [click here](#).



Empowering Tomorrow – Youth Green Energy Conference for High Schools
Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 2026

Bring your high school students to Empowering Tomorrow on November 18th in Fredericton for a free day of hands-on learning, career exploration and connections with professionals in New Brunswick’s green energy sector. Registration is free, with transportation, accommodation where needed, and supply teacher costs supported — spaces are limited! [Click here](#) to learn more.

Hands-On Renewable Energy Workshops for Middle Schools

Bring hands-on wind and solar energy learning directly to your Grades 6–8 students! In partnership with Relay Education and COVE, the Centre of Excellence for Energy is offering interactive renewable energy workshops to middle school classrooms across New Brunswick, with French Immersion programming also available. [Click here](#) to learn more and register your interest.

Free Climate & Energy Programs from The Gaia Project

Explore free, hands-on K–12 climate and energy programs from The Gaia Project! With opportunities covering renewable energy, water, waste, climate action, green careers and more, there are engaging options for learners at every grade level. [Click here](#) to explore the programs and register today.

WAYS TO CONNECT WITH THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE



COE Newsletter - Sent directly to your inbox on the last week of each month. It includes information about upcoming events, announcements, and stories from the centres!



COE Website - Find classroom activities, live events, experiential learning opportunities, career pathway information, speaker series videos and more!



Connect Directly - Email a COE lead for collaboration, or email COE@gnb.ca for questions and information regarding opportunities near you!

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